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SOUTHERN RAILWAY PLANS TO SPEND NEARLY MILLION DOLLARS IN VICINITY OF HENDERSONVILLE

(By Noah M. Hollowell.)

Improvements involving an expenditure in the neighborhood of a million dollars in the vicinity of Hendersonville by the Southern Railway company are now under contemplation in the proposed elimination of the hazardous grade, which has made Saluda famous in many disastrous wrecks by the construction of a new track for eight miles to establish a two per cent grade as a substitute for the present five per cent grade.

Engineer Makes Survey.

The Southern Railway company's chief engineer, Mr. Ezell, has spent the greater part of this month in the vicinity of Saluda mapping out the proposed route on which it is planned to begin construction work by August 1. The survey made under his supervision calls for the elimination of the present five per cent grade with its two safety switches down the Saluda mountain, covering a distance of six miles, in the establishment of a two per cent grade, which calls for two tunnels and a new road bed for about eight miles.

Deep Cut Through Saluda.

The new road will leave the old road bed at Big Horse Show curve above Tryon, coming back into it at Saluda, where it will be necessary to have two fifty-foot cuts through the

town, necessitating the erecting of two large steel bridges.

Will Spend Much Money.

In order to accomplish this big undertaking, there will necessarily have to be an expenditure of many thousands of dollars in the employment of a large force of hands to remove the tons of earth and rock, which will be pushed to rapid completion when once the work is undertaken.

More Work Near Hendersonville.

In addition to these great improvements, considerable work has been planned near Hendersonville in the elimination of several curves between Landrum, S. C., and Biltmore, special attention having been called to those with a few miles of Hendersonville.

Direct Line to Panama.

The establishment of a two per cent grade and the abolishment of many sharp curves on this line, will be the means of opening the deep water port at Charleston to the coal fields of the west in the shipment of this product to the Panama Canal region, thus bringing the mountain section into much more prominence.

History of Road.

Saluda mountain is known far and wide by reason of the many disastrous wrecks in this section. This steep grade was made about thirty-five years ago evidently in order to reduce expenses as much possible in the building of the Asheville-Spartanburg railway. There were so many wrecks at this point that it became necessary

to devise some means of prevention, resulting in the building of two safety switches where the grades were most dangerous.

Safety Switches Were Built.

Engineer J. A. Bolch, of Saluda, who is now Polk county's able representative in the General Assembly, worked on a "helper" engine at this mountain two years before the safety switches were made, and his absolute refusal to further risk his life on the mountain grade was doubtless partly responsible for the two switches, which have saved many lives and thousands of dollars worth of property from wreck and ruin. Engineer Bolch, whose skill and ability is unquestioned throughout the south, has been working regularly ten years on the "helper," the duty of which is to assist heavy-laden trains to accomplish the grades. The building of the new road will necessarily mean his removal, which will be regretted by his many friends in that section.

Among Those Killed.

A remarkable fact about the many wrecks on Saluda mountain is that out of the large number of people who lost their lives, there not a single passenger was killed.

Among the engineers killed were: Engineers Tunstall, J. F. Smyer, Ira Brown, Jack Averill. Among the firemen who lost their lives, the following are remembered: S. I. York, Will Taylor and Fireman Hair. In addition to these is a large number of convicts, work hands and trespassers.

FOUR ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Federal warrants were issued Tuesday for Messrs. A. W. Hawkins, A. C. Morris, M. M. Shepherd, and F. E. Tipton of this city charging them with the violation of the anti-lottery postal statute, at a hearing before United States Commissioner George W. Valentine, attorneys for the defendants asked for a postponement, which was granted. The next hearing will come up before commissioner Valentine Friday January 31st at 1:30 p. m.

This action was taken by the post-office authorities relative to the mailing of certain circulars through the Hendersonville postoffice by the defendants containing advertisements that in consideration of the purchase of good or the payments of certain amount of money on account entitled the holder to a certain number of chances in the distribution of presents.

Messrs. A. H. Hawkins and A. C. Morris were represented at the hearing by W. A. Smith of the law firm of Smith, Shipman & Justice. McD. Ray represented Messrs. M. M. Shepherd and F. E. Tipton.

It is stated from authority that in as much as the two local newspapers having stopped the publication when notified by Postmaster B. Jackson that it was a violation of the law, no case will be instituted by the government on the charge of lottery. United States District Attorney has been consulted and this is his opinion.

The distribution of the circular through the mails is said to be an open violation of the statute as a lottery does not have to be consummated to be considered a lottery. To be planned and advertised is sufficient evidence of its being lottery. The statute is as follows:

"No letter, package, post card or circular concerning any lottery, gift enterprise of similar scheme offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance; and no lottery ticket or part thereof, or paper, certificate or instrument purporting to be or representing a ticket, chance, share or interests in or dependent upon the event of a lottery, gift enterprise or similar scheme offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance; and no check, draft, bill money, postal note, or money order for the purchase of a ticket or part thereof, or of any share or chance in any such lottery, gift enterprise or scheme and no newspaper, circular, pamphlet or publication of any kind containing any advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise or scheme of any kind offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance or containing any list of prizes drawn or awarded by means of any such lot, gift enterprise or scheme, whether said list contains any part or all of such prizes shall be deposited in or carried by the mails of the United States, or be delivered by any postmaster or letter carrier. Whoever shall knowingly deposit, or cause to be deposited, or shall knowingly send or have to be sent, anything to be conveyed or delivered by mail in violation of the provisions of this section, or shall knowingly deliver or cause to be delivered by mail anything herein forbidden to be carried by mail shall be fined not less than \$1000, or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned not more than five years."

There is another and more stringent statute providing against lotteries, which was passed to aid in the fight against the old Louisiana lottery and the subsequent fight against the Honduras lottery in 1907. The statute quoted above is for smaller cases and has been strictly enforced since its passage, as there has been a continuous war by the postoffice department and government officials to keep the mails purged of matter pertaining to lotteries of any kind.

Much interest is being manifested in the cases against the local men. No hint had been given that the cases against them would be prosecuted, in fact they were unaware that they had really violated the law, it seems. The blow was rather sudden when they were arrested.

It is believed by the postal authorities that these gentlemen who have been arrested on the above charge had no intention of violating this law. None of them were aware of the existence of such a law.

At the Methodist Church.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, missionary secretary, and Rev. H. K. Boyer conference missionary secretary will conduct services at the First Methodist church next Sunday in the interest of a Missionary institute. They will hold services in the morning and evening. A mass meeting will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock at which all the church people of the city are especially invited to attend.

\$75,000 BOND ISSUE BILL IS PREPARING FOR POLK COUNTY

SPRING POLITICS.

Curb Stone Chat With Several Prominent Local Politicians.

That the coming city election this spring will be a lively affair is the opinion of some of the best posted local politicians. The democrats, although with a clear working majority of the voters in the city have already begun talking up various candidates for the position of Mayor and two vacancies among the city fathers.

Some little criticisms have been leveled upon the heads of the present members of the council in their reactions during the past year. The board is composed of four democrats and two republicans and a republican mayor. With very little funds in the city treasury ever since last election and a vast amount of unfinished work to complete the present board has been at a considerable disadvantage. Managing the city affairs as accurate as they would their own private business, the members of the board have accomplished a great many results in the permanent improvement of the city.

Among those spoken about for candidates for mayor are C. E. Brooks, democrat, cashier of the Citizens bank, J. E. Shipman, democrat, of the law firm of Smith, Shipman & Justice. W. J. Davis, progressive, president of the First Bank & Trust company, R. C. Clarke, progressive, proprietor of the Clarke Hardware company.

At the Palace.

The Lavender Comedy Company has been the center of attraction at the Palace theatre this week. Full houses of Hendersonville people have witnessed every performance given by this company this week. The plays are exceptionally good vaudeville stunts and the patrons of this popular house have not failed to take advantage of the low prices. Next week's attractions promise to be of the same high class. Spend a part of your evenings in seeing a good 50 cent show for the small amount of 10 and 20 cents.

DAVIS ELECTED ASST. CASHIER

At the regular meeting of the Directors of the Citizens Bank held in the directors room of the bank on Tuesday the 21st inst, all the old officers were re-elected and in addition Mr. E. H. Davis, who has been for several years the efficient book-keeper of the institution, was elected Assistant Cashier. Mr. Davis has won his promotion by careful and painstaking attention to business and his advance to the position of Assistant Cashier is a well merited recognition of his worth. The officers of the bank now are F. E. Duffee, President, E. W. Ewbank, Vice President, C. E. Brooks, Cashier and E. H. Davis, Assistant Cashier.

The Citizens Bank was organized under the management of these gentlemen and has been conducted by them, with the assistance of an able board of Directors, since the institution was chartered in 1908, and each year since the establishment of business the growth has been continuous.

With every increasing facility for the firm facility for the conduct of its affairs and the continued enlargement of its resources its influence on the growth of Henderson County's industries becomes more and more potent with the passage of time. In addition to the fact that there has never been a change of management in the conduct of its affairs and the continued enlargement of its resources its influence on the conduct of its affairs it is now the oldest bank in town.

WORK PUSHED AT HOSPITAL.

Superintendent Joe McCrary Has Large Force of Men Busy Erecting Patton Memorial Hospital Building on Hyman Heights.

With only about two weeks beginning the Patton Memorial Hospital is now well under way in its erection on Hyman Heights. The lot which was donated to the association by Mrs. Anna Patton is a beautifully located tract of land overlooking many of the valleys in the Hendersonville plateau and with a clear view of the surrounding mountains which inclose this particular section of the country.

The building which is being ably superintended by Joe McCrary, who has had thirty years experience as a contractor in this city, is rapidly moulding into shape. Started with a firm granite foundation this structure promises to be one of the many points of interest to the visitors as well as material benefit to the citizens of the county.

With good weather the hospital can be completed in several months and will be opened before the summer season begins.

LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR BUILDING LAST LINK OF HIGHWAY FROM SOUTH TO "LAND OF THE SKY."

Educational and Child

Labor Laws Are Urged

Proceedings of Past Week Marked With Much Debate in Both Branches on Important Bills—Legislation for Tenth Congressional District.

(By Noah M. Hollowell.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 28.—Gazing serenely upward beyond the crowded galleries at the lofty dome of the Senate chamber with head comfortably resting against a giant column at the rear of the tier of seats farthest from Lieutenant-Gov. Daughtridge's chair, contentedly sits Senator C. B. Mashburn with an unperurbed smiling countenance while his two junior colleagues sit directly to his right. They cannot be classified as unlearned in legislative matters for they have had experience, but a person unaware of their political inclinations would seldom suspect them of being republicans.

They are absolutely harmless as far as legislation is concerned. They are hopelessly in the minority and their political persuasions have not been so readily marked but once during the present session of the General Assembly, this being when they nominated and voted for Cyrus Thompson for U. S. Senator, the office to which the democrats elected Senator Simmons to succeed himself. Should the republican senators decide to consult with each other on matters where political lines are drawn, they can do so without the least inconvenience by resolving themselves into an organization without moving their seats, each being honored with a title; chairman, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Know Senator Mashburn? Why certainly, its "Charley" Mashburn of Marshall. It was during the race for the solicitorship against Charley in 1910 that "Bob" Reynolds, of Asheville, made himself known as a unique campaigner. Senator A. T. Grant, hails from Mocksville, Davie county, and is recognized as the "fighting radical." The third of the trio is John W. Hall of Stokes county. They occupy seats 50, 49 and 48, respectively.

In the House of Representatives the republicans have a little better showing there being fifteen republicans and three progressives, against 102 democrats; but there the democratic majority is so great it keeps the republicans discouraged more or less. The day of ruling in the General Assembly of North Carolina is decidedly that of the past.

As to the personnel of the legislature there seems to be a preponderance of new blood although there is strength and character to a marked degree by reason of former service. Of the fifty senators in 1911, there are only eight now serving in this capacity, though many of the members have served as representatives or senators in former years. Of the 120 members of the House, there are twenty four who served in 1911. In point of years of service, there are Senators E. B. Jones of Forsyth, J. A. Long, of Person, and J. Frank Ray of Macon, all of whom came here in the year of 1885. Only think of it! When many a politician or many of the present members of the General assembly were in their cradles, these gentlemen were rendering valuable service to the grand Old North State. They have been termed the antiques of the General Assembly and they don't look so very old after all. Most certainly they have not passed the age of usefulness. They play an important part on the floor of the legislative halls in the making of laws day after day. There is Harry Stubbs of Martin, who has been coming here for about twenty years, a member of one house or the other. Attending the General Assembly for him is something of a habit as it is with Representative Ray.

Among the 170 members of the General Assembly can be found men of many professions and callings. The lawyers are here in overwhelming numbers, there being thirty-two in the Senate and a large part of those in the House have the habit of juggling with legal phrases. There are professors, doctors farmers, merchants, engineers, business men of various kinds, and among the lawmakers can be found those who don't have any particular calling, just knock along and "save the

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DIRECTORS TO HOLD MEETING.

Called to Assembly in Asheville on Monday of Next Week and all Are Urgently Requested to be Present.

The following notice has been received by members of the Board of Directors Greater Western North Carolina Association, for Henderson and other counties:

Dear Sir:

A meeting of the Directors of The Greater Western North Carolina Association will be held in the offices, 62 Patton avenue, Asheville, on Monday February 3rd, at 12:30 p. m., at which time reports will be made showing the progress that is being made in the great advertising campaign now under way, to attract tourists, home-seekers and investors to this section.

Through the work that has already been done interest beyond our most sanguine expectations has been awakened throughout the entire country, and prediction is made by conservative business men who are in touch with this work that the coming season promises the greatest era of prosperity for this section that has ever been known. Not only are people being attracted by our climate, but farmers, manufacturers and others are being attracted also by the great opportunities this section offers them.

Every director is earnestly requested to be present at this meeting, and avail himself of the opportunity to get into closer touch with the work, and share in the pleasure and honor of the great campaign of prosperity to be inaugurated.

The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Association, 62 Patton avenue, Asheville, Monday, February 3rd, at 12:30 p. m.

It will add much to the interest of the meeting if you will notify this office of your intention to be present.

With best wishes, we are,
Yours very truly,
Greater Western North Carolina Association.

MR. WHITMIRE TO BUILD.

Buys Edwards' Lot on Corner of Washington and Third Avenue West for \$3,000.

The Edwards lot on the corner of Washington street and third avenue West was sold Monday to Mr. W. P. Whitmire for the sum of \$3,000. The deal was closed through H. S. Anderson, attorney. Mr. Anderson states that there will be three good residences built on this lot in the near future.

Mr. Whitmire the purchaser came here several months ago from Brevard and has proven that he has great faith in the advance of real estate here by a number of recent purchases of property he has made.

Just one month left to get \$48.00 worth of new business for the Hustler company and receive a FREE trip to Washington during the inauguration.

FRANCHISE WANTED HERE BY NEW POWER COMPANY

SPARTANBURG CAPITALIST WILL ASK CITY COUNCIL TO ALLOW THEM TO ENTER LIMITS. WITH TRANSMISSION WIRES.

MANUFACTURERS POWER CO.

Work is Progressing on Water Plant on Green Near Saluda—Franchise Given by Spartanburg.

That the Manufacturers Power Company will be in operation within the next twelve months is an absolute fact according to a fifty year franchise issued this company by the city council of Spartanburg to permit the transmission line to enter the city for the purpose of furnishing power and light.

The officials of this company have at various times expressed their desire to furnish power and lights in Hendersonville. Owing to some litigations in court the new company has been unable to progress very rapidly on the mammoth plant near Saluda. The surveys have all been made and work is said to have started.

The following from the Spartanburg Herald is of interest:

City council Monday night granted a 50-year franchise to the Manufacturers Power company, a company composed of local capitalists who are interested in the development of a hydro-electric power plant on Green river, near Saluda, N. C., to enter Spartanburg with its transmission lines for the purpose of furnishing power and light. Under the terms of the franchise actual work is to begin with 12 months and the plant is to be completed and power furnished to Spartanburg within three years' time.

Big Development Planned.

The application for the franchise was presented by John A. Law, president of the Central National bank and Saxon mills, who stated to council that his company had under consideration the development of a large power company which, when completed, would not only mean a big thing for Spartanburg, but for towns in the upper part of the county and in Henderson county, North Carolina. The parties interested in the development of water power on Green river are local people, he said, including W. S. Montgomery, president; John A. Law, secretary and treasurer; H. L. Bomar, Joseph Lee, of Landrum; George A. Ladshaw and W. A. Law, the latter a

banker of Philadelphia and a former citizen of Spartanburg.

Work to Begin Soon.

Mr. Law stated that his company proposed to begin operations just as soon as franchises could be secured from the town officials of Landrum, Inman, Campobello, Hendersonville and other towns, where the company proposed to sell light and power. He asked that the franchise be granted for a term of 50 years in order that the company may be in a position to arrange to sell bonds for a long term of years.

Under the terms of the franchise, the Manufacturers Power company has the right to erect poles along the streets of the city, string wires and build and maintain a plant for furnishing power for lighting, heating and manufacturing purposes, the operation of the same being subject to the rules and regulations of city council. All wires on certain streets are to be placed under ground.

Explained Plans.

In making application for the franchise, Mr. Law spoke very frankly to council, explaining in a general way the plans the company had in mind. He said that a large dam would be built across Green river on its property and dynamos installed for generating electricity. The company, he said, is anxious to get into Spartanburg for there are a number of cotton mills that would use the power.

After hearing Mr. Law, Judge G. W. Nieholis, city attorney, passed upon the legality of the franchise and upon motion the franchise was granted without a dissenting vote.

LOCAL CITIZENS MAY JOIN ASHEVILLE IN PARADE.

Hendersonville is going to be well represented at the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president of United States. Many of the leading citizens have signified their desire to see the great event and others will make up their mind between now and the 1st or 2nd day of March.

It will be more than likely that if the Asheville delegation succeed in joining the big inauguration parade in boosting the city of Asheville for the summer home of the president-elect, that the Hendersonville citizens will also fall in line and give aid to the Ashevilleans in their efforts.

P. V. Anders met with a very painful accident Monday while attempting to board the Toxaway train out at the "Y" near Columbia park. Mr. Anders' foot slipped and his leg was dislocated. He will be confined at his residence several days.